

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



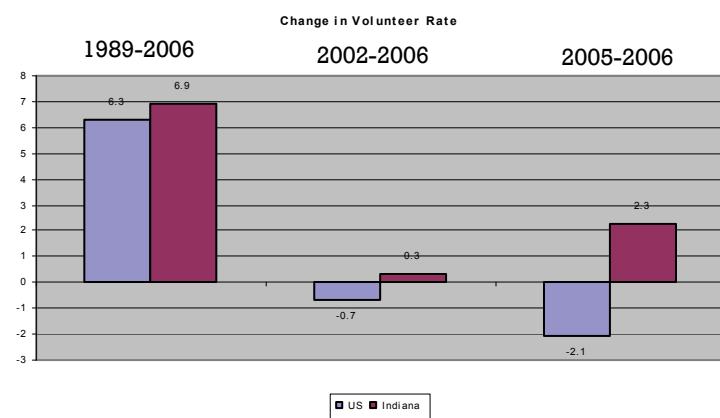
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
 Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director

Indiana Leads Nation in Volunteer Growth !

More Hoosiers are volunteering at a faster rate than any other state according to a study released on April 16 by the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency which strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. 31.5% of Hoosiers committed time to volunteer service in 2006, an increase of 2.3% from 2005. During the same time, the national volunteer rate dropped to 26.7% from 28.8%.

1.52 million Indiana residents volunteered 242, 798,161 hours of volunteer service in 2006. The millions of hours contributed in voluntary service are valued at over \$4.38 billion. This figure is based on an annual estimation of the dollar value of a volunteer hour in Indiana, which is currently \$18.04 , provided by Independent Sector, a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of approximately 575 charities, foundations, and corporate philanthropy programs.

"This study shows the impact volunteering has in our state", said Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. "Volunteers offer irreplaceable skills and commitment that help make Indiana a great place to live."



Volunteering in America:

*2007 State Trends and
Rankings in Civic Life*

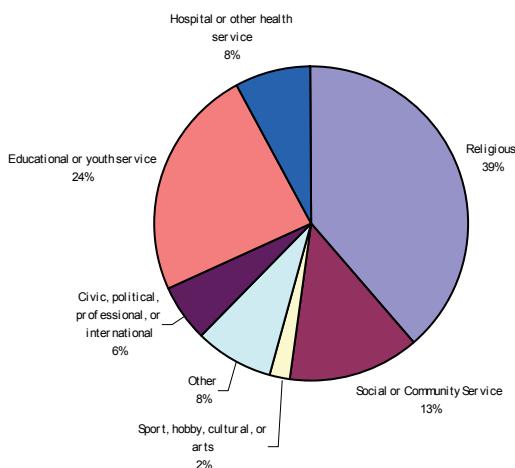
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Volunteer Retention

Indiana volunteers are among the national leaders in their commitment to service. 73% of Hoosiers who volunteered in 2005, continued to volunteer with the same organization in 2006. Indiana is in the top five when it comes to retaining volunteers from year to year. Consistency in who volunteers for an organization contributes to stability of programming, quality of service and a reduction in training costs. All of these factors make up a strong volunteer sector in Indiana.

"This report is a wake up call for any group that uses volunteers: If you want to keep them, you need to give them serious and meaningful work that affects change in your community; and you have to remember to train, manage, and thank them they way you would any valued colleague," said Corporation CEO David Eisner. "The bottom line is volunteering isn't just nice, it's necessary to solving some of our toughest social challenges. The only way to tackle the hard challenge of illiteracy, youth violence, poverty and other problems is if Americans rally together."

Where We Volunteer



Trends and Highlights

- * In 2006, 1.52 million Indiana volunteers dedicated 242.8 million hours of service.
- * Indiana's volunteer rate increased by 3.7 percentage points since 1974 and 6.9 percentage points in 1989.
- * Participation with education or youth service organizations increased from a rate of 13.3% in 1989 to 24.1% in 2006.
- * On average, 73% of Indiana volunteers who served in 2005 continued to serve in 2006, making Indiana the fifth-highest state for volunteer retention.
- * In addition to the 1.52 million Indiana volunteers in 2006, over 108,000 people participated informally by working with their neighbors to improve the community.
- * Overall, 34.9% of people in Indiana engaged in civic life by volunteering, working with their neighbors, or attending public meetings.

Governor Proclaims Volunteer Week!

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS
PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, communities can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations such as Volunteer Centers; and

WHEREAS, millions of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 15th – 21st, 2007 as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana at the Capitol in Indianapolis on this 4th day of April, 2007.

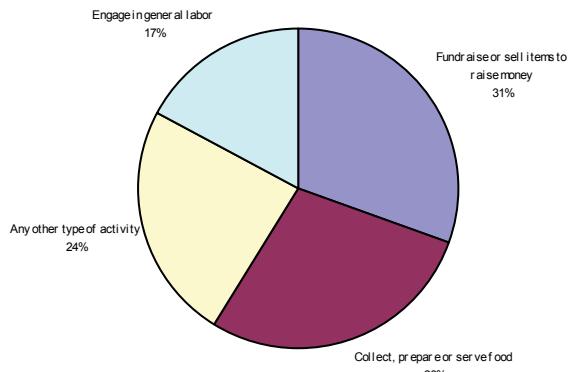
ATTEST:

Todd Rokita
Secretary of State

BY THE GOVERNOR
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

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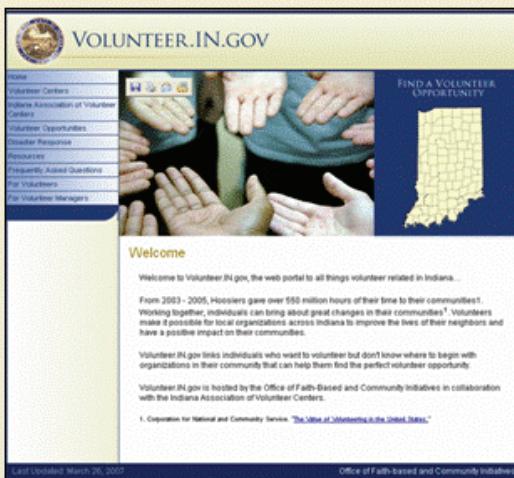
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